

Americans After China Trade.

The establishment of an immense American warehouse and salesroon at Shanghai for the sale and exhibi tion of American products is practi cally assured. The project is in the hands of the National Associati n of Manufacturers, and membership is limited to 100 firn s Already ninetyseven firms have been accepted, and the other three will be chosen from among the large number anxious to subscribe. Each firm has been required to pay \$200, and that money will be used for the preliminary expenses.

Germans and Samoa.

The Neueste Nachrichten declares that the Colonial Council has adopted a resolution declaring it compatible with German colonial interests to abandon Samoa in return for suffi cient indemnification. The National Zeitung, which confirms the state ment of the Neueste Nachrichten. says: "This, however, is not the view of the Imperial Government, whose policy is directed now, as hitherto, to acquiring at least Upolu

Napal Hospital for Guam.

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Mrs. Flannigan:—"Shure he's got cured an allotment of \$10,000 for a hospital and dispensary at Guam. It appears from the report of the naval commandant that with 8,000 people on the island there is not a single physician, and there are no medical stores outside of the ship's surgeon and supplies.

Yunnan-sen in Persia owns the largest man in the world. His name is Chang Yan Miun, and he is just the sort of creature Frankenstein would have modelled. He is 7 feet 3 inches in his bare feet, and is pro portionately broad, besides which he is a man of weight, for he turns the scale at 27 stone 4 pounds. He was formerly a coolie, and as he carried double loads he earned double pay. Now he guards the entrance to a remuneration of three soldiers.

Vegetarianism would probably find itself in difficulties in Brisbane, Queensland, where a leading cash butcher has just issued his list of prices. No kind of meat soars in cost above the high water mark of a pence a pound. Here are a few ex amples: Per pound, prime ribs o beef, 1½ pence; beefsteaks, 1½ pence; rump steaks 3 pence; muttor chops, 2½ pence; corned brisket, penny; sausages, 2½ pence.

The Queen of Siam owns a thimble which was a present from he royal husband; it is made in the shape of a lotus bud, of the fines gold, and is studded with diamonds which are so arranged that they form

their names and the date of their marriage.

It is no unusual thing for a vessel plying between Japan and London to carry 1,000,000 fans as a single item of its cargo.

"Mamma, why should landlords object to children?"

Mother: -"I'm sure I don't know. But go and see what the baby is crying about and tell Johnny to stop throwing things at the people in the street, and make George and Kate cease fighting, and tell Dick if he doesn't stop blowing that tin trumpet I'll take it away from him."—Trifles.

Major Hennery:—"Want a job, eh? What are you capable of doing?"

Applicant:-"Well, suh, I kin whitewash chicken coops."

Major Hennery:—"Anything else?"
Applicant:—"Oh, yes, I kin disinfect chicken coops."

an iligant job in a horseless livery stable, fadin' air t' thim hobo-mobo troocks."—Puck.

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Applicant:—"Well, yes, but dat's about all I kin do to chicken cops in de day time."—Judge.

Mrs Einnigan:—"Bedad ver hoos



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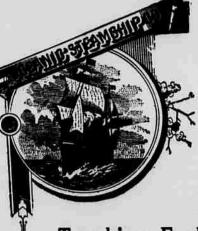
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